

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10, as follows:

In Japanese Patent No. 3,257,437, for example, a fuel cutoff valve of the kind used in related art systems is disclosed ~~as a clip of that kind of the related~~. The fuel cutoff valve includes: a case body forming a valve chamber connected to a communication passage for establishing communication of the inside of a fuel tank with the outside; and a float valve member accommodated in the valve chamber and having a closed portion at its upper portion for opening/closing the communication passage so that it may move upward and downward by increasing/decreasing a buoyancy with a liquid fuel in the fuel tank to flow into and out of the valve chamber thereby to open/close the communication passage with the closed portion. The fuel cutoff valve is characterized in that the float valve member includes: a cylindrical float body forming a float chamber; a guide portion having a plurality of fins projecting vertically from the outer side wall portion of the float body and arranged and spaced from each other in the circumferential direction of the float body so that the float body is vertically guided by the individual sliding movements of the ridge portions of the fins on the inner side wall face of the valve chamber; communication passages formed individually between the fins for aerating the upper and lower spaces of the valve chamber partitioned by the float body; and a throttle forming step portion projecting from the outer side wall portion of the float body and between the fins for narrowing a portion of the communication passage.